

**SPRUCE VIEW SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 16, 2023**

**1.0 Call to Order** A meeting of the SVS Parent Advisory Council was held on May 16, 2023 in Spruce View. It began at 6:34 and was presided over by Carly Hansen with Suzie Sveinson as secretary. Members in attendance included Suzie Sveinson, Carly Hansen, Colleen Pipke, Reba Lewis Buhler, Carrie Klassen, Scott Stefanek, Claire Funk, Linda Wagers, Rick Dunnigan, Anna Rasmussen, Sherease Corcoran, Jen McIlwain, Kim Cyr, Kim Brown, Rayanne Czakowski and Katie Hillman, Brent Ramsey, Amanda Lougheed, Karen Mackenzie, Curtis Klassen, Lindsay Bridge, Kara Turner, Lorissa Christensen, Kevin Velthuis Kroeze, Janine Seymour and Jenalyn Bajama( 27 attendees )

**2.0 Approval of Agenda** Reba moved the agenda to be accepted, Colleen seconded the motion. **Carried**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes** Reba moved the minutes to be accepted, Kim seconded the motion. **Carried**

#### **4.0 Reports**

##### **4.1 Trustee's Report (Linda Wagers)**

\*With the upcoming election, I would like to share a set of questions that we (the Board) have looked at as being very important to address whenever we have an opportunity to meet with any running candidates.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11d4zbdQV6b2blcYRNSUZmhqfMNp8drETbRCTSpTpwnM/edit?usp=sharing> of course, each individual may have other personal concerns they may ask if they have the opportunity as well.... Please feel free to share any information you obtain that you would like to share with me and the Board!

\*There have also been questions regarding the Indigenous Flag Ceremonies within CESD. Please see the following link for more info and if you have any further questions, please let me know.

Here is the website page I mentioned to you, that has the longer description of why Chinook's Edge is installing flags. Also, there is a link to the video.

<https://www.cesd73.ca/indigenous-education/reconciliation-in-chinooks-edge>

\*CTS rates will increase from \$7.30 per credit to \$10 per credit starting in 2023-24. At the middle school level the focus will also be on cost recovery. This is due to increasing costs of supplies for the options. We will continue to monitor this as a Board.

\*Nasal naloxone kits will be placed in the traditional schools starting in the 2023-24 school year. Training will be provided.

\*We continue to examine the High School completion rates.....Covid still has presented some kinks that makes the overall information somewhat hard to present a continuum.

#### **4.2 Principal's Report (Claire Funk)**

1. Great turnout for Welcome to Kindergarten night, we all enjoyed visiting with parents and students, there will be a couple new families joining our school family. Welcome!
2. Wildfire fundraiser - staff and students had a great time with the pie throwing - Friday, May 12, 2023.
3. Mr. Wendell - Science Weekend - Spruce View won! Kids had a wonderful time.
4. Influential Generation - students in grade 9 -11 (10 students) volunteered to be presenters/trainers for middle school students - innovative thinkers that are capable of influencing personal and societal change, and can use your influence for good - Understanding the facts about vaping. Determine what are actual "facts" versus what might be myths or marketing tactics.
5. PAT's are beginning for grade 6 and grade 9 students:
  - a. Monday, May 15 for grade 9 - LA Writing portion
  - b. Wednesday, May 17 - grade 6 LA WritingThe rest are in June and are posted on our School website page.
6. Diplomas begin in June - schedule for the exams has been posted on our school website.
7. Field Trips coming up:
  - Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  - Wednesday, May 17 - Tyrell Museum
  - Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  - Wednesday, May 24 - Ukrainian Village
  - Grade 4-8 - Friday, June 2, 2023 - Collicutt Center
  - Grade  $\frac{2}{3}$  - Thursday, June 8 - Markerville Creamery, Stephansson House, Hola School
  - Grade 6 - Penpal/Camp Harmattan - June 14 -16.
  - Kindergarten - Medicine River - June 15
8. Track Meets:
  - a. Senior High Track Meet - LTCHS: May 17, 2023
  - b. Grade K - 3 Track Meets - May 18, 2023. 12:45 pm. - 2:45 pm. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be a canteen at lunch, can be prepaid or paid on the day. Information about the day and canteen have been posted on our school website page. The same info will be going home with students too.
  - c. Grade 4 - 9 Track Meet - May 18: 9:30am-2:45pm: 8 track and field events with lunch 12:00pm-12:40pm. Their different events will be run by PE 10 & 20/30 students
9. May 19&22 - No school
10. May 25 - Spring Concert -K - 6 in the afternoon - 2 pm.
11. May 26 - Country Fair and Dance 11;45 am. - 11 pm. Information will be posted on our School website page.

12. May 29 - Non Instructional Day - No school
13. May 31 - Swimming Lessons start for 6 weeks: grade 1 starting
14. June 6 - Ghost Ryders - 6th Annual Invitational - Delburne School - grade 7-12. Mr. Stefanek and Mrs. Funk will be taking students who would like to compete. Permission forms will be sent out to those who sign up.
15. June 7 - Cremona Band coming for the day - performance in the afternoon, more info to be shared closer to the date.
16. June 9, 2023 School - TIPI Teachings presentations to students/classes with Clare Butterfly.
17. June 27 - Last day of School: noon dismissal
18. June 29 - Cap and Gown Ceremony - Graduation: School Gym: 10am-12pm.
19. Budget news...we were able to hire another elementary teacher...for the 2023/24 school year which means we will not have split classes for this next year unless we have an influx of students in certain grades over the summer.
20. Our school student population seems to be on the rise...we have had a few new families visiting our school and registering for next year.
21. Joe Amundrud has accepted a position at Ecole Olds Elementary School as the Vice Principal for the upcoming school year 2023/24
22. Mrs. Nicole Svitich is taking a leave of absence for the 2023/24 year.
23. We have a transfer coming for 23/24 school year - Kailey Lebsack was a former student teacher at Spruce View School in 2018. She has taught Kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, and grade 7. Kailey has coached volleyball and basketball and is willing to continue this aspect at SVS. Kailey is student focused and works collaboratively with colleagues, students and parents to build strong relationships.
24. Mrs. Tracy Stoyberg is retiring this year - EA
25. Ireland Black is our new YES person. She started on May 16.

#### **4.3 Community Representative (Kevin Velthuis Kroeze)**

- 165 attendented the community fair
- Summer programs will be posted on Facebook soon
- Spray park, July 4th, first 100 people to shop up will receive free ice cream, there will be food trucks
- 2 community garden plots available still.
- Next time we do a fundraising we should send info to Kevin, he will post info on the RDC newsletter.
- Fall programs are in the works and will include Art Club, Kids in the kitchen and many more, Let Kevin Know if there is a program you would like to see by July 15th
- Seniors Lunch is June 09 at the landing

#### **4.4 Parents Matter Report (Warren Thompson) None**

**4.5 Snack Program (Kim Brown)** Always busy, has been challenging to get supplies due to

lack in store.

## **5.0 Correspondence**

**5.1 Received** None

**5.2 Sent** None

## **6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Learning resources ( Karen Mackenzie )** Would like parents to be aware that certain

Sensitive topic books were introduced to the library. Some elementary students have taken out books that were against some family values. After speaking with the librarian and Mrs Funk, if parents are concerned about their children taking out and viewing books, they can address this in a letter to Mrs Funk and the staff will do their best to prevent children from having access to those books. Another concern brought by Karen is that those books were available to purchase at the book fair, where children of all ages are able to make purchases. Mrs Funk advised that if any parents had any concerns regarding this or anything else she would like for parents to make an appointment with her to discuss the matter and hopefully come to a resolution.

**6.2 Alberta School Engagement Grant ( Karen Mackenzie )** We have until August to book a speaker. Jodi Carrington is unavailable, Karen will contact other speakers and Kevin might be able to help cover some of the costs.

**6.3 Inequity in bus driver's pay** Our school bus drivers are hired by 2 different companies, Prairie bus and Chinook's Edge. Prairie bus pays \$19.41/hr offers benefits, medical, meals and RSP match. Chinook's Edge only pays \$16.65/hr

**6.4 Parking Lot Condition (Kim Brown)** The parking lot is in really bad shape. Mrs Funk will call maintenance to let them know.

**6.5 Highway 54 intersections ( Brent Ramsay )** Background; there have been a few serious incidents as well as near misses on the crosswalk on the highway. Brent has brought this situation up to the council. Concerns regarding this situation can be directed to County Operations. Reba and Colleen will write a letter on behalf of the council addressing the challenges and risks this intersection causes our kids and the school will also send a letter.

## **7.0 Business arising from the minutes**

**8.0 Date of next Meeting** June 13, 2023

**9.0 Adjournment** 8:10